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It is further reported that large state-owned plants in Canton are moving to the outskirts of the city, and at the same time, strategic materials are being transported northward.

CCF AIR FORCE STRENGTH -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Jul 50

According to intelligence information, the Chinese Communist air force is divided into two groups: one group is comprised of all Chinese personnel and the other is made up of Soviet air force personnel stationed in China. The former group has 250 fighter planes in the Northeast and North China while the latter group has 162 aircraft including 30 TU-V bombers, 80 LA-9 pursuit planes, 40 YAK-21 jet planes and 12 transport planes in the Suchow, Peiping, and Shanghai area.

On the basis of the Sino-Soviet pact, the USSR was to have furnished the CCF with 500 planes, but according to reliable information only 250 planes including TU and TB-7 [sic] bombers, LA pursuit planes, IL attack, KO [sic] transport planes and some Japanese fighters, have been delivered.

FUKIEN AIRFIELD BUILT WITH AID OF JAPANESE TECHNICIANS -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 15 Jul 50

Canton, 14 July -- On 12 July, 30 Japanese engineers and technicians who have been living at the dormitory of the former Jang-ch'in College in Ho-nan, Canton, were sent to Fukien to assist in the construction of the Chang-chou airfield. It is reported that this field will have a certain amount of underground and surface Japanese-type hangers and storage facilities. The entire construction work is scheduled to be completed by March 1951. The Japanese are said to be a portion of the 500 Japanese technicians who were turned over to the Chinese Communists by the Russians when the latter moved out of the Northeast.

Major repairs are also being made on three Fukien airfields: the Amoy, Chang-t'ing and Foochow.

AIRFIELDS CONSTRUCTED IN FUKIEN -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 22 Aug 50

Chin-men, 22 August -- The Chinese Communist government is reported to be in the process of building airfields in Ch'uan-chou, Hui-an, Tung-an, Ch'ang-p'u, and other areas on the southern coast of Fukien. When these airfields are completed early in September 1950, they will be able to handle heavy bombers. The fields will be equipped with antiaircraft guns.

AMOY AIRFIELD IN OPERATION -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 23 Aug 50

Taihoku, 22 August -- On 19 August 1950, an unidentified plane was seen from the north portion of Quemoy flying toward Amoy. This fact leads observers to believe that the airfield in Amoy is now in operation.

CHUNGSHAN SAN-TSAO AIRFIELD IN OPERATION -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 29 Jul 50

Canton, 28 July -- It is reported that on 25 July 1950, three aircraft from Canton were seen arriving at the Chung-shan San-tsao Airfield in Kwangtung. These planes are said to be a part of a shipment of some 20 Japanese training planes which were transferred from the Northeast to the Canton T'ien-ho airfield a few months ago. Repairs on these crafts have been completed and air personnel who recently arrived from the Northeast have been seen testing them.

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CANTON AIR DEFENSE WEAKENED -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 8 Aug 50

Canton, 7 August -- Canton air defense has been weakened since the Fourth Field Army took to the North most of the antiaircraft guns formerly assigned to defend Canton. It is reported that a large amount of military supplies brought from Hainan and stored in Canton were also shipped to the north recently.

On 7 August 1950, the Canton Air Defense Headquarters held a special meeting with leaders of various governmental agencies and social organization to discuss the problem of defense against possible Nationalists air attack.

SHOOT DOWN 9, DAMAGE 12 PLANES IN YEAR -- New York Hua-chiao Jih-pao, 18 Aug 50

Nanking, 7 August (Hsin-hua) -- Over a one-year period, the antiaircraft units of the Third Field Army of the South China Military District have shot down nine US-made KMT aircraft and damaged 12 others.

TAIWAN RECRUITS AIR PERSONNEL IN CANTON -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 27 Jul 50

Canton, 26 July -- It is reported that the KMT Air Force Headquarters recently established an undercover recruitment office in Canton to entice former KMT air personnel, who defected to the Communists, to return to Taiwan. The blame for the disappearance of many Chinese Communist air force personnel has been placed on this agency.

It is further reported that the Chinese Communists after taking over South China had planned to establish an air center there but have failed to do so for several reasons. One is that after the KMT forces retreated from Canton, the airfields were bombed to such an extent that complete repairs have not as yet been made. Secondly, the radar, meteorological, and other equipment which were removed when the KMT forces retreated from Canton have not been completely replaced. Finally, approximately one half of the 600 or 700 KMT air personnel who defected to the Chinese Communists have disappeared, some because they have been dissatisfied with conditions under the Communists.

CHINESE COMMUNIST AIR PERSONNEL DESERT -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 24 Aug 50

Taihoku, 23 August -- It is reported that 73 Chinese Communist Air Force personnel have deserted their posts in Canton, and that many of these had formerly defected from the KMT forces. As a result, 120 of the Canton Communist air force personnel have been transferred to other locations, and at the same time, strict surveillance is being kept on those remaining in Canton.

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